"It is hard to conceive how Conven-

Maurice Grau, whose grand opera

"It is a wonderful structure, com-

in South Dakota, Sioux Falls would

not have been able to capture the na-

Pays Interust

on Deposits.

President. W. C. WARDLAW Cashier.

THOS. J. ADAMS PROPRIETOR.

EDGEFIELD, S. C., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1900.

While setting matters straight— It does not idly fold its wings,

A bird is working all day long
Beside my window in the tree,
And, tolking, sings a happy song—
A song that has a note for me!
The wind and rain at night destroy
The work of yesterday, but joy
Is in the work the builder sings

Shall he that has a soul sit down, When all his labor is upset; And he must bother all the town Rebuilded and made fair to see.

And God upon his throne may know That from the joyous bird The message that he sends below Has happily been heard!

With Jacko clinging to me I fell

my neck; his teeth gave vicious snaps

Without giving me time to rise, how-

Jacko, standing upon the capstan-

where he had jumped after letting go

his subsequent actions, he appeared

to have resolved to "board me from

lastly, back to the capstan again.

I followed his every movement, de-

Then he bounded upward and again

having by this time become some what

vein from which the blood commenced

The fight now became a wrestling

match, while no other sound came

from either of us save the hiss of our

stronger. We staggered against the

it forced Jacko's head against the

it aloft and brought it down upon

The second mate, wondering why I

filled with water to prevent the wood

could muster.

to spout in an alarming manner.

to consider the next round.

My Fight With "Jacko" The Ape.

The Author Is an Officer of a Well-Known Canadian Liner. The Adventure Took-Place Nine Years Ago.

I was only an apprentice boy at the skin at his throat. I had reckoned, time and was just 16 years old. I was however, without a knowledge of the not very big nor exceptionally streng, brute's astonishing strength. He put but just about the right size and sufficult his arms and clasped the back of ciently strong to make a fairly even my neck and with all his strength enmatch for "Jacko," an Indian ape, in deavored to force me to him, gripping the terrible fight we had, some eight my waist at the same time with his years ago, one moonlight night in the powerful hand-like feet. middle of the Bay of Bengal.

Jacko, a fine specimen of the larger heavily to the deck. For some mospecies of brown-haired Indian ape, ments we lay there panting, but mohad been presented to our skipper in tionless. His strength was such that Catcutta by a friend of his. Our ship my arms fairly ached with the effort to was the Queen of England, a fine full- keep his formidable jaws from me as rigged steel vessel of 2070 tons, then I lay there watching his hideous face sailing between Liverpool and Ca!- and teeth. His nails dug deep into

When standing upon his hind feet in the air; I could hear his breath the ape's height must have been about forcing its way through his throat, 3 feet 6 inches. Not very tall, you which I had tried to grip as I held on might say; but anyone who knows the to the skin around it. We must have extraordinary strength of these crea- lain there some three or four minutes tures and their wenderful agility will when Jacko suddenly threw himself know that he was quite tall enough to backward, wrenched his throat from be a formidable creature for a 16-year- my hand, and leaped upon the capstan old boy to encounter single-handed.

Somehow Jacko, who was docile enough with any of the other men, ever, he sprangat me again and seized seemed to have taken an especial dis-like to me, and I could never pass him Usually when a monkey bites he like to me, and I could never pass him without being treated to a vicious gives a quick snap, and springs away "coo-ch," and a succession of wild frightened at his deed, for the average leaps, any of which would have lifted simian is an arrant coward. Jacko, him right upon me but for the sudden however, departed from this custom, tautening of his chain, which, tugging for he buried his teeth deep in my at his neck, invariably "finished up" left foreagm and, with the tenacity of his leap in a disgraceful way, as it a bulldog, kept them there. him suddenly round and I beat his face with my free hand brought him sprawling ignominiously and hanged his head on the deck, but on the deck. He was, during the fine all to no purpose. I had no waistcoat weather, usually tethered to a ring- or jacket on, and my shirt sleeves bolt at the fore end of the No.3 hatch. were rolled up, so that he had the Between this hatch and the main fif - bare fiesh to work upon. I staggered rail was a goodly space of open deck, with him to my feet, and actually carwhere was no other obstruction but ri d him to the hatch where, forcing the main deck capstan-a high "patent him upon his back, I beat his body purchase" affair, with a double top- frantically with my free fist. So close, however, did he cling to me with his which stood amidships.

On the night of my set-to with feet that my blows told with little ef-Jacko we were somewhere about the fect. middle of the Bay of Bengal. A light | . Seeing this, I raised the big ape bemonsoon just contrived to belly out fore me, and holding my left arm with five degrees or so. A fine clear night stan, and with all the weight of my it was, with a bright full moon above body behind the blow crushed his and a mill-pond ripple on the sea head against its iron rim. Then. though apparently not in the least

The watch on deck had coiled them- stunned, Jacko let go and ran a little selves—as is the general custom in distance from me. fine weather-glong the deck to the les side of the house, where, handy for any call, they snored in their sleep. my arm-seemed for a moment to pon-The only hands aboard with their der the situation. Then, judging from eyes open were the lookout man, away for ard in the eyes of the ship on the fo'c's'le head; the second mate, upon behind." First he sprang from the the weather side of the poop, and my- capstan to the hatch; then, swift as self, on the lee side. At about five lightning, he turned and leaped back bells (10,30 p. m) the second sent me again-a leap of some 14 feet from a They wear full beards to protect their for ard to examine the side lights and hatch at least two feet lower than the report upon them. He then went aft, capstan itself. From the capstan he where, leaning over the taffrail, he jumped to the main fiferail, thence gave himself up sailor fashion to his across the deck to the lee rigging and, wakeful dreams.

I went for'ard, passing Jacko, who was asleep. I then mounted the fo'c's'le termined not to let him get behind head, varned awhile with the lookout, me. Apparently perceiving this, the examined the side lights, and finding ape changed his tactics. He came them burning satisfactorily, proceeded leisurely down from the capstan and leisurely aft along the weather side. | crawled slowly and deliberately along Arriving at the main fiferail I turned the deck towards me, until at length to go to leeward, and utterly forge ful he stopped within a fathom's length of the presence of Jacko, walked of my feet. awoke, perceived me, gave his usual landed fairly upon me. He gripped "coo-ch" and sprang into the my throat in a manner that was almost air towards me. Accus omed to these human in style and intention. He impotent leaps, I stood motionless, clasped his strong hind legs around hands in pockets, awaiting the usual my waist, and made a vicious snap at absurd ending of the performance. | my face with his awful jaws. I ducked

This time, however, the chain my head, barely in time to save my snapped close to his neck, and almost features, and his teeth snapped in my before I was aware of the fact, the hair, some of which was torn out. brute's form, dark and shadow-like, Fearful for my face, I put up my right came flying through the air, and he hand to grasp his throat, my left arm

He alighted fairly upon my shoul- numbed from the effects of his savage ders; I staggered to leeward under the bites. My hand strayed, however, as sudden weight and fell into the scup- he dodged it, and it went between his pers, at the same time warding off teeth. He bit cruelly, and one of his with my arm his ugly face from mine. | molars went clean through, opening a Brute-like, he seized that part of my body nearest his jaws and bit, fiercely, deep into my left shoulder; then, springing suddenly from me, he leaped into the main rigging, swarmed aloft, and stopped, a dozen rathins high, to panting breath and the patter of my grin and "coo-ch" at me. During the bare feet. We struggled frantically whole time of the extraordinary strug- to and fro upon the deck. The blood gle which followed I made no sound spouting from my hand spread over with my lips-why, I do not know. Jacko's hairy head, neck and face. And yet I was mightily scared of the until he became a ghastly sight. I ape. I fancy it was the suddenness felt myself growing weaker from the of the attack, which gave me no time loss of blood, while my powerful enemy even to think of calling for help and appeared to be growing rapidly awakening my shipmates.

Jumping to my feet excitedly, I main fierail. With my growing weakstood upon the deck, with fists doubled ness fear came upon me-fear of the up and in a boxing attitude, awaiting horrible disfigurement my features Jacko's next spring. Except for the would forever show should I become ape's low chuckling "coo-ch," we too weak to keep the ape's jaws from made no sound. I was barefooted, so off my face. that even my footfalls were noiseless. Now the fiferail was studded with Had I run, Jacko in all probability iron belaying pins, placed there for sor in a certain Georgia town. A corwould have left me alone, but see ng the purpose of belaying the crossjack 1es ondent who went there for an afme standing somewhat defiantly in his braces. One of these, luckily, was accustomed place, he accepted my at- free. I put up my left arm and with

titude as a challenge. He came stealthily and cautiously wooden rail; then seizing the iron bedown the rigging to the top-gallant laying pin with my free hand, I raised rail, watched me awhile from there, and then swarmed the royal back- Jacko's brow with all the strength I stay to a height of about 15 feetnever taking his eyes off me all the time. Here he stopped and com- had not returned to report upon the menced to shake the backstay violent- side lights, and thinking I had probly. But apparently seeing the use- abiy sat down somewhere and gone to lessness of wasting his strength in sleep, came down the poop ladder this way, he presently stopped, then bringing with him one of the poop leaped into the air, and I saw his buckets; these, by the way, were alshapeless body, extended arms and ways kept hung up at the fore part of doubled-up legs outlined in the moon- the poop, and in hot weather were kept

light as he decended towards me. Stepping aside to avoid him, I hit from becoming too dry. It was the him as he fell somewhere about the mate's unkind intention to rouse me chest with my clinched fist. The blow in the time-honored fashion by drenchchanged the course of his flight, and ing me with its contents. Creeping I escaped with my life. One of my his body struck with a thud against stealthily along the deck, he can be to the corner of the hatch. Thinking I the main fiferail, where he saw I the now had him at my mercy, I sprang moonlight a sight which cause him search for him!"- Atlanta Constitution to change his intention tion.

never forget the sight even if he lived to be a hundred. Jacko was lying stretched across the coil of the weather crossjack brace, my body being face With chiding and with vain regret? The structure that is wrecked may be

> ghastly the sight of our two apparently inanimate forms. Jacko recovered from the effects of the blow I gave him. He was presented, I believe, to the Palace menagerie at New Brighton, where, for all I know to the contrary, he is to this day. As for me, I bear the marks of his teeth upon me yet, and shall be glad to show them to such Wide World readers as care to call upon me between voyages at my home, near Manchester. They are rather faint upon my shoulders, but on my hand is a scar three-fourths of an inch long and one-fourth of an inch broad. Two of the scars upon my left forearm each measure half an inch in length, and

Thinking that Wide World readers would like to know what became of Jacko, we instructed Mr. Frederick Bolton, the author's father, to make inquiries about the ape at the Palace, New Brighton. We append Mr. Bolton's report:

the distance between them is two and

a quarter inches—a striking proof of

the size of Jacko's jaws.

"I made my way there and found the place closed during the daytime, it being the off season, but I hunted up the caretaker. I explained to him

"His reply was: 'I should think I do remember the brute. You see that finger?' he went on, showing me a mutilated finger—the middle finger of his right hand. 'I was going my rounds one day and was trying the gate of his cage when he sprang at me like lightning and had my finger in his ngly mouth like a vise before I knew what he was up to. You can see for yourself, sir, the mess he made of it. Another time, continued the caretaker, 'the brute got out of his cage, and it took all the fellows about the place to cage him again. When he first came they put him in with the other monkeys, but he killed a number of them, so he was placed in a special cage by himself. About 12 months ago he got so full of rheumatism that

they drowned him.'
"'How high did he stand?' I asked. "Well, sir,' replied my informant, 'you seldom saw him stretched full length, but he was, I should say, from three feet to three feet six inches." -Wide World Magazine.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

In one of the Pacific Islands the natives have a peculiar Christmas custom. Every Christmas day they offer up sacrifices, but in whose honor they have not the faintest idea. It is supposed to be a relic of some missionary teaching, as these natives are still heathens.

In the reign of Edward III. there were eminent clothiers and woolen weavers, whose family name was Blanket. They were the first persons who manufactured that comfortable material which has ever since been called by their name, and which was then used for peasants' clothing.

Men exposed to the rigors of the Alaskan winter never wear moustaches throats and faces, but keep their upper lips clean shaven. The moisture from the breath congeals so rapidly that a monstache becomes imbedded in a solid cake of ice and the face is frozen in a short time.

A pair of elephant tusks, the largest on record, was found recently in the Kilimandjaro district in Africa and bought for an American museum for \$3500. The larger tusk measures 10 feet 4 inches along the outer curve and weighs 235 pounds; the other is a trifle shorter, and weighs 10 pounds less. The record tusk before these was 9 feet 5 inches long and is now in

The oldest pulpit now in use in Scotland bears date 1668. The exact history of its construction is not certainly known, but the most widely accepted story that has come down is herd boy. The legend has it that, with a simple pocket knife, this cleverhanded lad executed the whole of the exquisite carving of the pulpit, and that the various pieces of woodwork were skillfully put together without the use of a single nail or screw of

South street, Philadelphia, is one of the strangest in the world. This is due to legislation by the ancient Quakers, who managed the affairs of the city when South street was one of the most important in Philadelphia. Laws were then enacted that sidewalk venders, stall-keepers, wagons containing produce and open-air dealers could only use one side of the street to the floor of the hall. When he for such purposes six months in the year. Thus from April to September. the south side of the street is wellnigh impassable, while the other six months it is deserted.

"Liberty Park" is the name of what was meant to be a pleasure reter loon's recreation, writes:

"Two policemen were stationed at the gate. On entering I was confronted with the following signs: "Keep of the grass." "Fifty dollars fine for breaking

the shrubbery.' " 'One hundred dollars fine for interfering with the animals.' "Fifty dollars fine for carving your

"Fifty dollars or two months in jail, for loitering around after the gates are closed.' "Twenty-five dollars for spitting

initials on a tree.'

on the gravel walk.' " 'I'en dollars, or thirty days, for eating lunch on the grass.

"God help us all?" exclaims our pious correspondent, "and save us from 'Libe tv Park.' I was glad that companions is still missing; but I dare not venture back to institute a

Phis Year's National Conventions

nalize this year have been made. The and is now forty-eight years old.

Republicans will meet in Philadel Convention Hall; Kansas City;

publican National Convention, is a largest audiences that ever gathered man of acknowledged ability for orunder roof in this country. Its acous-Meet in Splendid Auditoriums. 2 ganization and executive work. In tic properties have received especial the handling of political conventions praise. Hon. William J. Bryan, who crossjack brace, my body being face downward, stretched across Jacko's, and a pool of blood marring the whiteness of the deck and making he is already experienced, having last June addressed the Head Camp been assistant sergeant-at-arms of the of the Modern Woodmen of America Chicago in 1888, at Minneapolis in Final arrangements for the political 1892 and in St. Louis in 1896. Mr. tion Hall could be improved upon for national conventions which will sig- Wiswell is a Wisconsin man by birth, the purposes of large public gatherings.

phia on June 19th, the Democrats will where the National Democratic Concompany sang there November last to gather at Kansas City on July 4th and vention will be held July 4th, is siturecord-breaking grand opera house audiences: said:



the Populists will decide their plan of sted at Thirteenth and Central streets, campaign at Sioux Falls, South Da- four blocks from the retail district of the city. It has been classed by kota, cn May 9th. The main Philadelphia Export Ex- travelers as one of the largest and

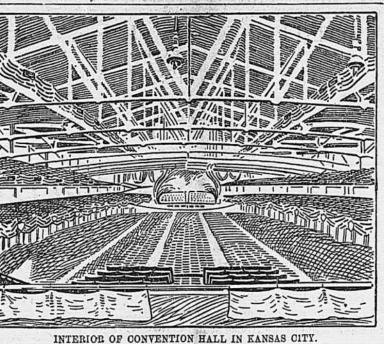
position Building, in which the Remost perfectly constructed auditoripublican National Convention of 1900 The building was erected at a cost tional convention 'the Populist party; will be held, is built of structural steel and brick, with plaster facing sand staff ornamentations. It will, at a comparatively small cost, be converted into a convention hall that will



PUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION. divided into six sections, which can lout a column, the roof being su

HALL FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, KANSAS CITY. of \$225,000, which was raised entirely which will be held May 9. On May by public subscription. It occupies 23 the Republicans of South Dakota a piece of ground 314 by 200 feet in will also hold their State convention areades and connecting buildings are extent, is two stories high and is in Sioux Falls for the purpose of nomimostly of wood, with brick walls, so built of native stone, cream brick and nating a Congressional and State ticket that the three connected buildings terra cotta. The first story is of the and selecting delegates to the Repubmake one mammoth exhibition hall of | Renaissance style of architecture, and | lican National Convention at Philadelbe readily converted into one yast ported by great steel girders that of the National Creamery-Buttermak-

auditorium, the length of which, in- span its 200 feet of breadth. Its gen- ers' Association was the construction stead of extending north and south, eral seating arrangement is modeled of the building decided upon. The



tend east and west.

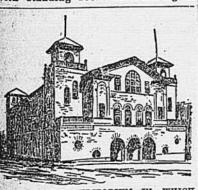
for 200 persons-deputy sergeant-atarms, doorkeepers and guests. Rising on three sides of the hall are

tiers of seats which will hold 1000 guests more. The stage could be made to accommodate say 200 to 300 persons. But the committee hope to seat 600 newspaper correspondents, as well as the officers of the convention and distinguished guests. The sergeant-at-arms suffers most

under the new order of things. He will be bombarded with applications for tickets which he caunot fill, and every delegate is going to hold him responsible for his disappointment. The sergeant-at-arms will be overrun with applications for appointment, because a badge will admit the wearer tries to fit 10,000 visitors and clamoring citizens into 500 seats he will find his office most uncomfortable.

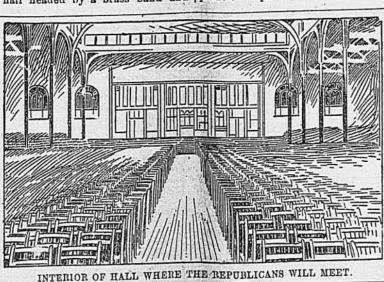
The organized bodies which attend favorite performance is to march into being reached by means of inclined a hall headed by a brass band and planes. Separate exits are used for

as at present, will, with the side wall | somewhat upon the plan of the Metrotaken out and the hall enlarged, ex- politan Opera House, New York. The floor space is divided into arena, The body of the hall will seat 2000 arena balcony, balcony and roof garpersons. The number of delegates den, boxes skirting the arena and the and alternates will be more than 1800. arena balcony. The stage is situated That leaves room on the main floor in the center of the arena. The total seating capacity is nearly 20,000, and with standing room the building is



SIOUX FALLS AUDITORIUM IN WHICH

POPULISTS WILL MEET. capable of holding more than 22,000 people. The arena alone seats 4000. To each side of the arena and under the first balcony are numerous comnational conventions will be bitterly mittee rooms, which have their sepadisappointed in the Convention Hall rate street entrances. The building arrangements at Philadelphia. Their has no stairways, the upper seatings



with banners flying. There will be the balconies and roof garden, and it

fill the pauses between the speeches. minute. George N. Wiswell, who has been | Convention Hall has, since its dedi- their living as fortune-tellers.

not room at Philadelphia for any is estimated that the hall can be brass band except the one hired to emptied at the rate of 5000 people a

ly printed little bagatelles and skits of both his friends' writing and his own, usually in very small editions. These "printing materials, consisting of a great variety of fonts," he brought with him on his return to America, and sold "fifteen boks of type" to Francis Childs, the New York printer, and still more to Matthew Carey. The remainder he used to establish his grandson, Benjamin

> printer, the original occupation of his grandfather." Despite the many honors that had come to him, to the last he held himself to be first and foremost a printer, he began his will "I, Benjamin Franklin, Printer, late Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the Court of France, and now President of the State of Pennsylvania." It was at his own request that "the Printers of the city, with their Journeymen and Apprentices," were given a prominent position in his funeral procession. - The

Franklin Bache, in "business as a

cceeded in capturing th

plete in all its details.

structure is well arranged and is com-

Franklin the Printer.

Franklin's retirement from active

printing did not lessen his interest in

his trade, and every possible improve-

ment in the art received attention

from him. \* \* \* Nothing proved

better the printer's attachment for his

calling than an amusement of his dur-

ing his diplomatic service in France.

In his own home he set up a press

and types, all of which he or his ser-

vants cast, and with them occasional-

Century. Cereals in Algeria. The growth of cereals has always been the staple industry in Algeria; but of late it has become unremunerative, and the returns both of European and native culture are very small. Even among Europeans agriculture is in a very elementary condition. No forage is used save what grows spontaneously; no manure, or very little, is put on the land; no cattle are kept beyond what are required for plowing, the land is impoverished, badly kept, and full of weeds and noxious insects, which smother and devour the crops. Ninety-eight per cent. of the land sown every year is devoted to the growth of cereals, and too little of it to the rearing of cattle. The great obstacles to agriculture are the uncertainty of seasons and the impossibility of competing with such countries as America, Russia, and India, where

Journal. 490 Strokes to Shave a Man. "It is wonderful how many razor strokes we take during a day," said a barber in one of the larger downtown

land is abundant, and, in the last two

at least, labor is cheap .- Chambers's

"Did you ever figure up on it?" "Yes, I've been taking up an average for the last three weeks," replied self with the figures. I find I average 490 strokes of the razor for each man shaved. I took 1028 strokes on who have stiff beards run up 700 and 800 strokes. Then there are tender faces that I shave only once over, and they take, perhaps, only 250 strokes. I shave on the average twenty-one and a half men a day. One day I shaved thirty-seven and another only fourteen."-New York Mail and Ex-

More than 20,000 Parisians earn Boston Beacon,

"DOLLARS MEX." The Common Currency of a Great Part

Reports of recent military operations in the Philippines include statements that the American troops have captured from the insurgents so many housand Mexican dollars. Such statements must not be interpreted as mere verbal artifices to magnify the importance of the exploit by using a small unit of value in reckoning the booty. The public are thoroughly familiar by this time with the distinction so common amony the Americans at Manila between "dollars Mex" and "dollars gold," and the fact that one of the former is worth less than half one of the latter, but the treasury of Aguinaldo was, in all probability, stocked neither with paper money nor with coin of the United States mints,

largest crowds that he had ever adbut with actual Mexi an silver dollars. dressed, said from the platform: "I came one thousand miles to find The Mexican silver dellar is, in fact, the best hall I have ever spoken in." the popular currency, not only of the The leading hotels of the city are the Coates, the Baltimore, the Mid-I hilippine Islands, but also to a large extent of the Chinese coasts, of the land, the Savoy, the Victoria and the Malay Archipelago, and, outside of Washington, all of which are located such great mercantile centres as Singafrom three to ten blocks distant from pore, of the Straits Settlements, as the hall. The Coates, which has alwell as of Japan. Hong Kong and Cauton have in general fallen in with ways been Mr. Bryan's stopping place, the pecuniary habits of the British will, it is said; be made the headquarters of the National Committee. colonists and traders, and Japan has a The accompanying illustration very convenient currency of her own, shows the Sioux Falls auditorium, in harmony with advanced western which has a seating capacity of about idens. But the yellow races of the 5000. Had it not been for this build-East, as races, have taken a strong ing, which is the largest of the kind

fancy to the white metal of Mexico. The persistence in the preference is more easily understood than the mauner in which the preference first gained its hold. A New York financier explained the original fact partly on esthetic grounds. 'The design of the Mexican dollar," he said, "is a bold and striking one, and it impressed those Orientals from the time the coin first began to circulate among them. That, I suppose, was more than 50 years ago. At that period there was very little trade between this country and the Philippines or any of those far Eastern regions. Of course, among the population of the islands, the natives not being in an advanced stage of commercial civilization, the convenience of English small change was not apparent. Not being informed of the financial stability of of the British Empire, they could not be expected to appreciate the stamp that gives the shilling most of its value; what they did appreciate was the bigness and the weight and purity of the Mexican dollar, as well as the mposing appearance of it.

"As to how the demand came to be so well supplied, that is easy to understand when you remember that most of the silver in the world was then produced in Mexico, and that the coinage of it was free and unlimited. As the traders in the far East wanted Mexican dollars, it was to the interest of the Mexican mines to export their output in that form, and it cost them

to have the st was only necessary for them to keep the coining of their dollars down below the point of glutting the market; in other words, it would have been possible to ship so much coined silver to the East, either direct through London or through London by way of New York, that the premium on it would fall.

"There is a premium on the Mexican silver dollar in that part of the world even now. Here, for instance, is a cable from Manila, dated Jan. 12, which quotes the Mexican dollars at 42 1-2 cents, gold. According to the current price of silver, the Mexican dollar was worth at parabout 44 cents on that date. The difference is accounted for by local preference for Mexican dollars. The insurgents in the Philippines were well advised in using that coinage, because it is the coinage which the people of the country understand and like. If they were educated bankers, they would know that American money takes up less room in proportion to its real value, and they might admire the design of our dollars and dollar bills as much as the Mexican design; as it is, they don't thoroughly understand the theory of token money and national credit. And so Mexico goes on exporting her 40,000,000 silver dollars annually to be the popular currency of the far East."

Knew What She Wanted.

There was a tall and haughty young woman in a provision store recently, a gown and an air of great importance. It was obvious to the least observant on-looker that she took herself and her mission very seriously.

"Have you a nice 'roundhouse' steak?" sheasked the butcher sweetly. when he came forward to wait upon

The man's face assumed a beefy hue itself, and he looked well-nigh apoplectic as he replied, "No, miss, I haven't a round steak.'

"Then send me a 'porterloin." About seven pounds would be enough

I should think." "Tenderloin is the best cut, miss; suppose you take that?" suggested the clerk, his face growing still redder.

"Kindly send me what I ordered." said the young woman with great dignity; "my mother-in-law is entirely conversant with the cuts of beef, and I am quite sure that's the name she told me; and send 10 pounds of rice

Then she walked out of the shop with the pleased smile on her face of one who has found houseleeping the merest child's play, while the spectators murmured "bride" to each other under their breath .- Baltimore News.

Ostriches in South Africa.

Ostriches have only recently been domesticated in South Africa. Only 80 were in captivity in 1865; ten years later there were 21,751 being cared for in Cape Colony, and in 1897. the barber, "and I've surprised my- 237,930. The true wild bird still exists north of the Vaal and Orange River, but is rapidly diminishing in numbers, being eagerly hunted for its one man, and several of my customers | feathers, which de nand a higher price than those of the domesticated breth-

> Eaby's Birthday Preser Mrs. Lash-What did you get baby for a birthday present?

Mrs. Rash-I took four dollars and ninety-nine cents out of the little darling's bank and bought him this lovely lamp for the drawing room. -

THE VEGETARIANS.

When Abner Green, who many years Had courted Mury Bunkins, Resolved to test his hopes and fears,

He thought himself 'some pumking But when the crucial moment came,

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His face grew "red's a beet;" His hands hung limp, his tongue grew lame He shuffled with his feet.

In fact, he felt, he later said,

In fact, he felt, he later Rud,
Like "pretty small potatoes."
But Mary, though she blushed as rea
As ripening tomatoes,
Sat listening, demure and bland,
And "cool as a cowoumber,"
While he grew "hot as a pepper" and
His heart beats tried to number.
Now whether he or she at last
The question great propounded
I cannot say: I only passed

Sometimes to him, more oft to her My judgment of it leans, But Mary always does aver That he-"he didn't know beans." Who cares a straw! Though this thing has
Made gossips nudge and nod,
They live together "happy as
Two peas within a pod."

—American Agriculturist.

HUMOROUS. Jones-I say, Miss Brown, how is it that you are always out when I call?

She-Oh, just luck. Spunge-Talk is cheap. Kostick-You seem to think so, from the way you use my telephone.

She-That friend of yours is getting too big for his boots! He-What do you mean? She-Why simply that his hat doesn't fit him.

"When you hear a book agent try his voice," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "you know at once it is of some volume."

"Do you never work?" said Mrs. Subbubs to a tramp who asked for a handout. "Never, mum," was the proud reply. "I am an immune."

"Do you think a young man should marry on a small income?" "Oh, I can see no objection to it, if he has reached an understanding with her

"Archie, dear, did you ever love anybody before you met me?" "I thought I did, Flutie, a hundred times, but I see now I was only rehearsing."

Hark, hark, the dogs do bark, The autos in line are seen! Some with wires and some with steam, And some with gasolene.

Little three-year-old Flossie saw & man walking along the street with his arm in a sling. "Oh, mamma," she exclaimed, "there goes a man with his arm in a hammock." Conductor-We have missed the

connection, and will have to wait at this station six hours. Old Lady (who is a little nervous on the railroad)-Well, I'm safe for six hours, anyhow. "I wonder if all men are fools,"

snapped Mrs. Enpeck during a little domestic tiff the other morning. "No, indeed, my dear," replied her husband. "I know a number of mea The Daughter-Don't you think Mr.

La ght is a finished gentleman, mamma? The Mother-Well, if he's not, and your father comes down and finds him in the parlor until after midnight, some time, he will be. "George," said the fair maid, "I

hope you will keep cool when you call to interview papa." "You can bet I will!" muttered the faint-hearted youth. "Why, it gives me a chill to even think about calling ou him."

"Here's the clock key, mamma," said four-year-old Tommy, "will that do?" "Will it do for what, dear?" asked the astonished mother. "To wind yourself up with," replied the little fellow. "I heard you tell the doctor that you were all run down."

"SHOOTING STARS" A MISNOMER. But Lovers May Still Be Blind to "Meteor's" Claims.

It is hardly necessary to say that the shooting stars are not stars at all, as the name seems to indicate, and as people sometimes think, writes Protessor Young in the New Lippincott. This was the mistake of a sailor on a British naval yessel who had been set on watch during the star shower of 1866 to count all the meteors he could see in a given fifteen minutes. When his time was up he begged to be allowed aminute longer, "because," he said, "I has my eye on a star that wiggles awful and can't hold on much longer."
Shooting stars are only little masses

of matter-bits of rock or metal or

cloudlets of dust and gas-which are flying unresisted through space just as planets and comets do, in paths which, within the limits of our solar system are controlled by the attraction of the sun. They move with a speed of several miles a second, far exceeding that of any military projectile, but are too small to be seen by us except when they enter our atmosphere, and, becoming intensely heated by the resistance they encounter, light up and burn for a moment; for to use Lord Kelvin's expression, a body rushing through the air at such an enormous velocity is during its flight virtually "immersed in a blowpipe flame, "having a temperature comparable with that of an electric arc. As a rule they are completely consumed in the upper air, so that nothing reaches the surface of the earth except, perhaps, a little ash, settling slowly as an imperceptible "smoke." Occasionally, however, some mass larger than usual survives in part the fiery ordeal and its fragments fall to the ground as specimeus of the material of "other worlds than ours."

Court Interrupte | by an Owl. A large screech owl flew through a window into the circuit court room at Muncie, Ind., the other day and stopped proceedings. It few straight for Miss Mand Pugh, the writing clerk, who screamed and fled. 'The session at once broke up, and the jurors and bailiff, I. F. Starr, started to eatch the bird. Starr caught it, but in doing so was viciou ly cawed on his hands. Other persons were also clawed. Several a ticles thrown at the owl by pers, us fearing an attack went flying helter ske ter and ad ed to the confusion. Judge Le er adjourned court until next day. - Cincinnati Enqui.er.

Monte Carlo is in Monaco, a principality of Europe, now virtually under French control, located in the southern part of France on the Mediterra nean sea.